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NEWS RELEASE

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Branson emergency services respond to fatality accident

On March 12th, 2015 at 2:20 p.m., Officers of the Branson Police Department, Branson Fire Department and the Taney County Ambulance District responded to a vehicle accident on Highway 65, in Branson.

Officers determined that the vehicle was traveling eastbound on the service road adjacent to the highway and travelled over the embankment, eventually coming to rest on the inside southbound lane of Highway 65. Additional details of the accident remain under investigation by the Branson Police Department.

The vehicle had two elderly occupants, a male and female. The Fire Department used extrication tools to remove the windshield to remove both victims from the vehicle.

The male occupant was pronounced dead on the scene by Taney County Coroner Kevin Tweedy. The female occupant was transported by air ambulance to Springfield Mercy Hospital.

The names of the individuals will be released by the Taney County Coroner after he completes notification of the next of kin.

Highway 65 was partially closed for approximately two hours following the accident. All Emergency crews are now clear of the scene.



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Photo credit to Fire Chief Ted Martin.